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Testimony on Raised Bill No. 5332

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Honorable Chairmen Coleman and Sharkey and Members of the Committee on Planning and Development

Enfield Fire District No. 1 is adamantly opposed to Raised Bill No. 5332 in its present form. As currently written the proposed Bill seeks to establish a special district for the purpose of "extinguishing fires", among others. This is a duplication of a service that is already provided by a special district that has existed for more than 113 years. If this Bill is passed into law, who would be the authority having jurisdiction with regard to the provision of fire protective services and the levy of taxes for the same?

We also respectfully submit that the raised bill seeks to establish a special district that does not conform to the Connecticut General Statutes that currently govern special districts (7-324 through 7-329) but instead, through the wording in the Bill, excepts itself from many of the current provisions with which special districts must comply. It is apparent to us that the proposed "Enfield Improvement District" is therefore not being established in the spirit of the law under which special districts have been created historically.

Respectfully submitted,

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